

**Proclaiming Ulster County A Purple Heart County**

Referred to: The Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Donaldson and Legislators Archer, Gregorius, Lopez and Wawro)

Chairman of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee, David B. Donaldson, and Deputy Chairman Mary Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Veterans' Service Agency; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1782 at his headquarters in Newburgh, New York, General George Washington established the badge of Military Merit, the precursor to the modern day Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to any member of the United States armed forces who was wounded or killed in action during combat with a declared enemy of the United States and is the oldest military decoration in use today; and

WHEREAS, Purple Heart recipients have paid the high price of freedom on behalf of us all and the residents of Ulster County are eternally grateful for their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, many Veterans and Purple Heart recipients call Ulster County home, and are owed the utmost respect and admiration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby proclaims Ulster County to be a Purple Heart County, as a means of honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women who have put themselves in harm's way and have been wounded or killed in action while protecting the freedoms that our Country holds so dear,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:                      NOES:

Passed Committee: Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services on \_\_\_\_\_.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE